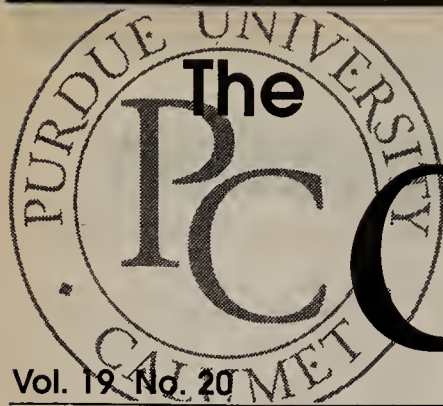




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PUC commemorates Black History Month

LORRELL D. KILPATRICK
Entertainment Editor

For many PUC students, learning about black history in high school may have meant it was time to talk about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and slavery in history class.

Several campus organizations and cultural committees will celebrate Black History Month in different ways, though.

On Feb. 6 and 7, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. sponsored a "Books are Fun" book fair in the SFLC concourse.

Zeta Phi Beta they will be taking orders for Krispy Kreme donuts at \$5 per dozen in the SFLC on Feb. 14.

On Feb. 23, they will sponsor the "Street Life and Beyond" presentation at Horace Mann High School in the afternoon and later that night at PUC. For information about these events, call Meka at 944-9123.

The Student Government Association will sponsor the first installment of their lecture series at the end of February. For more information, call the SGA office at 989-2394.

The Black History Committee, headed by Roy Hamilton, director of the Ronald E. McNair Post-

Black History Month Events

2/7- Intro to Black History Forum: Who Stole the Pride of the Black Community

2/16 - Purdue Black Alumni Guild Project celebrates the African-American Experience @ the Calumet Campus

2/19 - African Festival Market Days

2/23 - Street Life & Beyond Presentation by Marc Washington and Richard McClain of Friends of Island Academy NY, NY

2/23 - Nia Bowl - A Celebration of African-American Life, History and Culture

Contact Roy Hamilton at 989-2773 for more information.

Baccalaureate Achievement Program, has put together an impressive array of events for the entire campus to enjoy.

The remaining festivities include a Black Alumni Guild Project,

African-American Market Days, a presentation about youth living on the streets, and the annual Black History trivia game, the Nia Bowl. For more information, contact Roy Hamilton at 989-2773.

Kimberly Walton-Trajkovski, a counselor in Student Support Services, said that continuing to observe Black History Month is vital.

"It is important to know and never forget where you have been to know where you are going. It also fosters understanding among ethnicity's and cultures," she said.

PUC administrators will not only sponsor events only for college students this month.

Cheryl Berry, director of Upward Bound, one the TRIO programs, said that she and her department encourage high school students to observe Black History Month "by providing information and resources about celebrations throughout the Region and inviting them to go."

The high school students that participate in Upward Bound are also planning an upcoming Student Leadership Conference scheduled to take place at PUC.

Some students feel it is important to participate in activities for Black History Month.



Photo by Skye Enyeart

The display case on the third floor of the SFLC building displays a variety of books, magazines and art by prominent African-American writers and artists.

"As a student leader in SGA, I feel that it is very important to get to know people of other nationalities so I can maintain an open mind and develop new friendships," Valdemar

Garibay, a sophomore majoring in accounting and marketing, said.

Brandi Watson, a junior majoring

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Homecoming jazzes up campus

MAX BUCZYNSKI
News Editor

PUC students can show their school spirit by participating in the Spirit Week activities leading up to the Lakers' Homecoming

games on Feb. 17.

Starting today, students, faculty and staff are invited to dress according to each day's Spirit Week theme.

Student organizations have selected nominees for Homecoming King and Queen.

On Feb. 14 and 15, the students can vote for their favorite king and queen candidates.

"I am so excited about homecoming. That was my favorite activity in high school and now I

am excited to participate in it in college," Noel Corral, a freshman majoring in mathematics education, said.

"Homecoming is great, it is the time of year in school when you can express yourself in a crazy manner and not worry about people looking at you," Angie Sullivan, a junior majoring in communication, said.

On Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m., PUC will begin the first of three Homecoming games with the Lady Lakers competing against IU South Bend.

The PUC faculty will face off against the alumni in an "old timer's game" at 5 p.m.

The Lakers will face off against IU South Bend at 7 p.m.

After all of the games, the party will pick up in the Alumni Hall with the Homecoming Dance and the king and queen's coronation. There will also be free pizza, soda and a DJ there to entertain students.

Student Leadership Development graduate assistant Dave Fanno and SLD secretary Gloria Roldan-Schieb coordinated the Homecoming committee.

"Dave and Gloria are doing

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such great jobs on the committee," Michelle Verduzco, director of SLD, said.

"I'm real excited about homecoming. It is a chance to encourage students to participate in activities around campus," Verduzco said.

Students can visit the SLD Web page, call at 989-2369, or stop by in their office in SFLC-339 for additional information about Homecoming 2001.

Monday - Queen for a day
(wear those tiaras, folks)
Tuesday - Beach Party Day
(luau!!!)
Wednesday - Hat Day
(drag out your dad's golfing cap)
Thursday - Student Organization Day
(show of your organization)
Friday - Purdue Pride Day

Vote for Homecoming King and Queen Feb. 14 and 15 in the SFLC Concourse.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Frequently asked questions about financial aid (Part 1 of 2)

It is that time of year for students to begin making plans for the 2001-02 academic year. These plans should include completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly referred to as the FAFSA, by Thursday, March 1.

The FAFSA is the financial aid application students must complete and submit to the U.S Department of Education by March 1 to place themselves in priority consideration for state and campus-based aid for the 2001-02 academic year.

This two-part article focuses on 10 financial aid-related questions most frequently directed to our Financial Aid staff by students. The answers also are provided.

Five questions and answers will be addressed in this column. The remaining five will be covered in next week's issue.

Q When should I apply for financial aid?

A It is recommended that students complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between Jan. 1 and March 1 to receive priority consideration for financial aid awarded for the upcoming academic year that begins in the fall. So, to be considered for aid for the 2000-01 academic year, complete the FAFSA by March 1 of this year.

Q What types of financial aid am I eligible to receive by submitting the FAFSA by March 1?

A You are eligible for all forms of federal aid, including Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Perkins Loans, Stafford Loans and Federal Work Study. You also are eligible for Indiana state aid (if you're an Indiana resident), which includes the Higher Education and Twenty-First Century Scholars Awards. Also, you'll be considered for various Purdue Calumet need-based scholarships.

Q What is the difference among grants, scholarships, loans and work-study?

A Grants and scholarships are "gift" aid, meaning they do not have to be repaid. Grants are based on financial need. Scholarships may be based on financial need, but also may be awarded based on other criteria such as merit. Loans and work-study are a form of "self-help" aid. Loans require repayment. Through the federally supported work-study program, a student receives aid by earning money from a part-time, on or off campus, work-study job.

Q What is the difference between a subsidized Stafford loan and an unsubsidized Stafford loan?

A With a subsidized loan, the federal government pays the interest while the student is enrolled. With an unsubsidized loan, the student is responsible for the interest that accrues on the loan beginning the day the loan is disbursed. Interest on an unsubsidized loan can be repaid while the student is in school, or it can be added (capitalized) to the principal.

Q What happens after I complete and submit my FAFSA either electronically or by mail?

A Within three to four weeks after mailing the FAFSA, or approximately two weeks after filing electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov, our Office of Financial Aid (OFA) will receive your results from the U.S. Department of Education. It may be necessary to verify your FAFSA information. Please respond promptly to any document requests from our office. Documents needed may include your federal tax returns, W-2 statements, etc. After the requested documents are verified as accurate, our OFA will develop a "financial aid package," combining funds from various sources to help meet your financial need. An award notification will then be mailed to you indicating the types and amounts of financial aid in your "package." You also will be sent an award decision form to complete and return to the OFA. Please indicate on this form the financial aid you wish to accept or decline.

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Please feel free to contact our Office of Financial Aid concerning the financial aid process by:

- ♦ accessing our Web site at <http://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/finaid>
- ♦ e-mailing us at finaid@calumet.purdue.edu
- ♦ visiting our customer service area in the Enrollment Services Center (LAWS-130) or in the SFLC concourse (outside the bookstore) this week from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday (2/12-15).
- ♦ calling us at 219/989-2301 (ext. 2301 from campus phones) or
- ♦ attending either of the following scheduled financial aid workshops:
 - ♦ Saturday, 2/17 --- 9 a.m., LAWSHE 131
 - ♦ Saturday, 2/24 --- 9 a.m., LAWSHE 131

At a glance around campus

SHRM announces meeting dates

The Society for Human Resource Management will meet on Feb. 13, March 20, April 3, April 17 and May 1. All meetings will take place in Gyte 108 from 5:15 to 6 p.m. All students are welcome.

If you are unable to attend, but still wish to participate in activities, e-mail Tony at pucshrmpr@yaho.com.

SHRM sponsors resume workshop

The Society for Human Resource Management is sponsoring a Resume Workshop presented by Career Services to all students on Feb. 27 in SFLC 321 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Interested students should bring a resume. Contact Michelle at peakmr@calumet.purdue.edu to reserve a place.

SLD offers leadership workshops

The Office of Student Leadership Development invites students, faculty and staff to attend their weekly leadership workshops.

Workshops will take place in Alumni Hall in the SFLC on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The workshop on Feb. 15 is Change and Creative Thinking.

To register, contact the Office of Student Leadership Development at 989-2369.

Message board offered for students

PUC Students Online is a message board for students to communicate with each other through posting messages. Those who have never used Delphi.com will need to go through the free registration process before posting. To join, go to <http://forums.delphi.com/PurdueStudents/start>.

Pride Alliance holds first meeting

Pride Alliance is a student organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered students and their straight allies. They are having their first meeting on Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in CLO 137. For more information, e-mail pridally@axp.calumet.purdue.edu.

Hoosier Adapt offers Online forum

Hoosier Adapt offers a forum and message board that provides a way to communicate with other students to improve the well being of the disabled community on campus.

The forum is now available at <http://forums.delphi.com/purduestudents/messages/?msg=9.1>. The site is interactive so students can leave messages and their E-mail address.

World Trade introduced on campus

Students interested in careers in the field of international business are invited to attend the first meeting of the Northwest Indiana World Trade Council on Feb. 12 at 3:30 p.m. in ANDR 311. A representative of the council will greet new members.

Election of officers will also be held. A conference focusing on China will be held on Feb. 16.

For more information contact the PUC chapter of the council at ANDR 322 or call 989-2407.

Gamers' Guild seeks players

Purdue University Gamers' Guild is seeking new members for the spring semester.

PUGG is an organization for students who enjoy role-playing games, such as Dungeons & Dragons, Vampire: The Masquerade and Mage: The Ascension. Experience is not necessary to play.

Students interested in participating can contact Will at lordwill@hotmail.com for dates and times.

SGA looks for senators

The SGA would like to remind the student body that senate positions are still available. It is a great leadership opportunity and a good way to get involved with the University.

For more information, contact any member of the SGA at 989-2394 or stop by the office located at SFLC 324-G.

SGA provides meeting space

The SGA would like to remind the student body that the SGA provides its own senate chambers for any group wishing to assemble.

For more information or to reserve the chamber, please contact any SGA member at 989-2394.

Quote of the Week

'When people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate each other.'

-Eric Hoffer
1902-1983

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History

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in supervision, had similar sentiments.

"I celebrate Black History Month by attending Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations at the Genesis Center in Gary and TRIO day celebrations in March," Watson said.

Carter Godwin Woodson first established this observance as Negro History Week in 1926. Woodson was born on December 19, 1875 in New Canton, Va. He was an American historian who graduated from Harvard University and was the first to open the field of black studies to scholars. He also popularized the field in black schools and colleges.

He founded this commemoration in order to focus attention on black contributions to civilization. Woodson chose February because, although the 13th

Amendment, which abolished slavery, was signed in January, slaves did not start to hear of the news until February. This month is also significant because the birthday's of Frederick Douglass, known as the great abolitionist, and Abraham Lincoln, known as the great emancipator, both fall in the month of February.

This information, along with other valuable historical facts about African-American contributions and history, is easily attainable in any library on all college campuses or in any community.

At PUC, classes such as The African-American Experience and The African-American Experience-Post WWII also provide factual and historical information that goes beyond the black slave experience in this country.

The ethnic studies curriculum encourages awareness of black studies.

Cell phone deals cause headaches

U-WIRE

Hyan Anthony just wanted a better deal on her cell phone. She definitely didn't want to end up as an example of how the new, exciting world of constant connectivity and convenience could have a dark underside where one person can be lost in a miscommunication hell.

But that's exactly what Anthony got when she signed up for a new cellular phone contract in Oklahoma Memorial Union last November. Three organizations would agree that there was a mistake, and three companies would disagree as to whose mistake it was. Her parable is an example of how the quick and easy path can be the most painful in the end.

As a working student and mother of three, cutting just a little bit from her bills could end up helping a lot. So when she saw that the vendor in the Union was offering 1,000 minutes a month for \$29.99, cheaper than the plan she was on, Anthony was naturally curious.

After two different sessions where she asked representatives at the booth about the deal and its stipulations, she signed on.

She said she left thinking she had signed up for the 1,000 minutes, but with an extra phone added on to the plan, and two free phones. Anthony expected to pay \$45 a month for the new service.

She said it didn't bother her that she wasn't given any information, and was not required to sign anything, even though all the perks came with a condition that she enter a two-year contract with

the bill for \$217.18 came.

It was obviously a mistake, Anthony told herself. There was no way her bill could inflate by over \$150. Closer examination showed her most of the money came from a charge for the two phones she had thought would be free, and that she was paying more than \$45 a month.

So Anthony called Sprint PCS customer service. She said she was told that there had been a mistake, but that it wasn't Sprint's problem. Anthony said the customer service representative told her that Sprint had never offered a 1000-minute plan for \$29.99 and it never offered free phones to sign on.

Anthony started to get worried. The representative told her that she was currently on an \$80-a-month deal, way more than she could afford. When she asked to be put on the lowest plan, the representative told her she was already on it.

Anthony decided on cancellation. A new representative asked her to e-mail a copy of the promotional flier Anthony had picked up from the vendor in the union. She tried to: four times. Each time she got a message back stating the address didn't exist. The message did urge her to reply to the postmaster of the server if she thought she had gotten the message by mistake. When she messaged the postmaster, Anthony received a return message telling her the postmaster's box was full.

Frustrated that she probably

wasn't going to get any resolution from Sprint customer service, Anthony decided she would try calling the number of the vendor, Millennium Digital.

Anthony said the Millennium Digital representative she talked to sounded both shocked and surprised at what had happened to Anthony. The representative promised to contact Sprint and resolve the problem for her. Anthony said she told her to hold onto the phones until she called her back. Anthony continued to use the phones, something she said she would later regret. No one called her back.

POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS

PUC police beat
1/29/01- 2/4/01



Wednesday, Jan. 31, 10:50 a.m. A minor traffic accident occurred in the P-10 lot south of the SFLC building. A vehicle backing from a parking space struck another vehicle driving southbound.

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 12:50 p.m. A suspect was apprehended in the Gyte building for criminal mischief. The suspect was arrested and transferred to the Hammond city jail.

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 3:51 p.m. A student worker reported a theft in the Gyte building. A wallet was taken with credit cards, cash and a checkbook.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 5:00 p.m. A student worker reported a thumb laceration that occurred while opening boxes with a utility knife.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 5:00 p.m. Two suspects were caught selling back stolen books to the bookstore. One suspect was also in possession of drug paraphernalia. Both were arrested and transferred to the Hammond City Jail.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 4:50 p.m. A minor traffic accident occurred in the P-9 lot south of the SFLC building. The unattended vehicle was damaged while parked and noticed when the driver returned to the vehicle.

Sunday, Feb. 4, 1:00 p.m. A student reported a laceration to the eye while playing basketball at the PUC gym. The victim was treated with an ice pack at the scene.

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St. Valentine's Day has a sweet origin

St. Valentine's Day has been celebrated around the world since the execution of St. Valentine in ancient Rome by Emperor Claudius II Gothicus on Feb. 14, 270 AD.

St. Valentine was a well-known and respected priest and doctor in Rome. Many people came to St. Valentine in search of a miracle cure to their ailment. He would mix bitter tasting medicine with wine, honey or milk to make it taste better to his patients. Even though people were being persecuted for their religious beliefs, St. Valentine would pray for his patients.

One day a knock came upon St. Valentine's door. When he opened the door a jailer was standing there holding the arm of his blind daughter. St. Valentine assured the jailer that he could bring back the sight of the girl, even though he knew it would be a very difficult procedure.

Weeks passed and the girl did not regain her sight. Yet, the girl and her father still came to St. Valentine every week seeking treatment for her eyes.

After weeks of visits from the girl and her father, Roman soldiers came to St. Valentine's house and arrested him. They destroyed his medicines and banned him for his religious views. The jailer attempted to step in and defend St. Valentine but he knew there was nothing that he could do.

Knowing that he soon would be executed, St. Valentine asked the jailer to bring him a piece of paper and ink. He wrote a farewell note to the blind girl and handed it to the jailer. After St. Valentine was murdered the jailer handed the card to the girl. Inside the card was a yellow Crocus and a message saying "From your Valentine." The brilliant yellow color from the Crocus spilled into the girl's eyes and her sight was restored.

St. Valentine's Day was officially put into effect on Feb. 14, 496 AD by Pope Gelasius I.

St. Valentine's Day has remained almost exactly what it was meant to be. People today celebrate this holiday by sending cards, candy and flowers to their loved ones, even if they cannot be near them.

Imagine if we did not have St. Valentine's Day. How would we be able to express our love for someone on a particular day? Granted we can show our love and admiration for him or her everyday, but having one day set for this wondrous feeling is remarkable. People long for this day to receive a message from their sweetheart. No matter where someone is there is always a way that a little love note can reach them.

When two people are together, schedules can conflict and people do not always take quality time to say "I love you." St. Valentine's Day is a day where it can be said, where the world makes time for people to say it.

Show someone you love them by sending them a message, flower, card or any other gift. Even if you are too shy to let the person know you like them, you can always write on the message "From your Valentine."

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The People Speak



Donald Smulski

junior, political science

"Flowers with a box of chocolates and a night downtown."



Jeff Berdine

junior, CIS

"My Bible."



Michael Smulski

freshman, physical therapy

"Whipped cream bikini."



Tasha Moore

junior, human resource management

"A heart-shaped ice cream cake from my first love."



Karen Moore

sophomore, nutrition, fitness & health

"Someone gave me a teddy bear."

Wasted time has its own value



ADAM MADISON

Production Assistant

Last week in a letter to the editor, Wes Bushby urged students to get more involved and to put more on their "plate" with a letter to the editor. He said, "most people" take "the comfortable way as

opposed to change."

He began by saying that most students don't know what a "full plate" is. Then Bushby provided a bulleted list of his current workload. His final paragraph urged students to join student organizations, participate in student leadership seminars, offer service to PUC and to get involved.

I do agree that all of these things will give you an edge and I encourage everyone to be involved. I am also an active part of this university and other institutions, but I am not going to bullet them for you. Honestly, I don't think that the "real world" gives a damn.

The "real world" consists of a lot more than professional and academic achievement. When you are constantly striving to build resumes and get ahead, you miss a lot. How many times have you been rushing to work while you ignored everyone and everything in your path because your mind was over-occupied?

Imagine the things you could have missed. You could have built a relationship with a person you failed to recognize or witnessed something truly amazing that you rushed past. If you don't stop to smell the roses, you won't notice when they are gone.

Bushby also argued, "There is a lot of wasted time in our lives — time that doesn't add any value to our lives."

I disagree with this statement because I do not believe that "wasted time" exists. Maybe he sees the time "most people" spend as wasted, but the individual spending it does not.

I have gained a lot from what others call "wasted time."

My wasted time includes:

*Frequent trips to beaches and state parks to clear my head and appreciate what Mother Nature gave me.

*Hours in smoky rooms alone to write or draw whatever I feel.

*Days set aside for friends and loved ones.

*Weeks spent driving to obscure places for the sole purpose of seeing what and who is there.

*Years buried away in places I'll not mention, but the knowledge gained has immeasurable value.

None of these things got me an award or a step up the corporate ladder, but I assure you that they have value. What I place value in is entirely up to me and not for anyone else to judge. If your thing happens to be resume building, more power to you. It has certainly helped me. Just don't let success ruin you. Take time to feel the sun on your face and walk barefoot in the grass. Some day it might not be there.

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Distance learning offers flexibility

BRENADETTE HARNEY
Staff Writer

Distance learning classes available at PUC makes college life easier for students who are not able to be on campus all day long. Many non-traditional students who work can now put a little flexibility in their everyday routine.

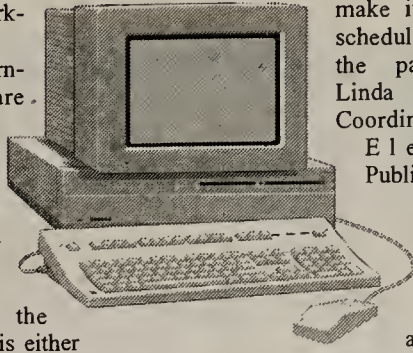
Distance learning is when the student and instructor cannot meet at the same time.

Many students said they have a difficult time making their schedules flexible enough for work, school, and personal activities. Other students said they dislike the

hassle of the parking lot.

Distance learning classes are done on the web through which provided material and information is given to you from your instructor. All the assigned work is either sent through e-mail or specific programs on computers here on campus or available at someone's home.

"With distance learning you can



make it fit to your schedule and avoid the parking too," Linda Kosteba, Coordinator of Electronic Publishing said.

Kosteba has taught CIS classes and OLS 363 classes and is also the

Technical Support administrator of the PMA course.

Distance learning classes cost the same as classes on campus. These classes are available for

whoever would like to participate in one. Students who are taking distance learning classes are still getting the same education and learning that you would get with a regular class.

Distance learning classes are offered in the subjects of CIS, statistics, OLS, management, communication and English.

"Web Course in a Box" is one of the features that distance learning runs on. It uses management software that makes it easier to participate in the distance learning.

All the teaching skills are the same. Instructors need to teach students to be more self-directed and

must be available to answer any questions. Good communication skills are also required among these instructors.

"The students who struggle are the ones who have a problem working independently," Judy Serwatka, Associate Professor of Information Systems and computer programming said.

"It's an enriching valuable experience for students," Kosteba said.

For more information on distance learning, students should refer to the Purdue schedule book or go to the department of their major and inquire on it.

Long wet noodles rush to the rescue

U-WIRE

When Matt Singleton was 13, his older sister turned him on to some things she found at college. But she gave them up after graduation. Singleton, now a senior at Western Kentucky University, has developed a twice-a-week habit.

He said he eats Ramen Noodles because they are cheap and easy to cook (Ramen Noodles cost about 15 cents at places like Wal-Mart and Kroger and take three minutes to make).

Singleton was at Rodes-Harlin Sunday afternoon talking to his girlfriend, Michelle Weaver, while she worked at the front desk.

Weaver, a sophomore, said she didn't even know Ramen Noodles

existed before she came to Western. She also said she doesn't know who Momofuku Ando is. Even though many students eat Ramen regularly, they don't know Ando.

"He's my lord and savior," said Ron Konzak, author of The Book of Ramen.

Ando is the pioneer of the packaged noodles. And Konzak is one of his biggest fans.

After World War II, food sources were few and far between in Japan. Ando answered the rumbling stomachs with noodles, packaged

and put on the market as an instant dinner.

The instructions were simple enough. Put the noodles in a bowl of boiling water and wait three minutes.



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Thursday, February 15 Student Organization Day, Vote for homecoming King and Queen,
10 a.m.- 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. SFLC Concourse

Friday, February 16 Purdue Pride Day

Saturday, February 17 Men's basketball game vs. IU South Bend, 7 p.m. (PER) Gym

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Sweet dreams are made of these

The top 50 CDs that will rock your world

JAMES E. LACZKOWSKI
Staff Writer

The following is a list of records that revolutionized and reinvented music as we know it. These are choices that awakened the psyche to something new, inspiring, exciting, and influential. Whether they instilled rebellion, a sense of emotional connection, or they were just solid rock albums, I encourage any avid music fan to add these to enhance their collection. To me these were the ones that shaped our musical culture.

50. Liz Phair- "Exile In Guyville"

49. Nina Simone- "Bittersweet: The Very Best Of Nina Simone"

48. Yo La Tengo- "I Can Feel The Heart Beating As One"

47. Sex Pistols- "Never Mind The Bollocks"

46. Beastie Boys- "Paul's Boutique"

45. Massive Attack- "Mezzanine"

44. Sonic Youth- "Daydream Nation"

43. Jimi Hendrix- "Are You Experienced?"

42. The Pixies- "Death To The Pixies"

41. Marvin Gaye- "What's Going on"

40. Soundgarden- "Superunknown"

39. Aphex Twin- "Selected Ambient Works Volume II"

38. Tool- "AEnima"

37. Stevie Wonder- "Songs In The Key Of Life"

36. The Clash- "The Story Of The Clash"

35. Tori Amos- "Little Earthquakes"

34. The Police- "Every Breath You Take: The Singles"

33. Nick Drake- "Way To Blue: An Introduction to Nick Drake"

32. The Velvet Underground- "Loaded"

31. My Bloody Valentine- "Loveless"

30. Rage Against The Machine- "Rage Against The Machine"

29. Joni Mitchell- "Blue"

28. John Coltrane- "Blue Train"

27. Wilco- "Summerteeth"

26. Nine Inch Nails- "The Fragile"

25. N.W.A- "Straight Outta Compton"

24. Bad Religion- "Stranger Than Fiction"

23. The Cure- "Disintegration"

22. Black Sabbath- "Paranoid"

21. Carole King- "Tapestry"

20. Smashing Pumpkins- "Adore"

19. The Cars- "The Cars"

18. Eminem- "The Marshall Mathers LP"

17. Sarah McLachlan- "Fumbling Towards Ecstasy"

16. The Beach Boys- "Pet Sounds"

15. Miles Davis- "Kind Of Blue"

14. Bjork- "Selmasongs"

13. Nirvana- "In Utero"

12. Matthew Sweet- "Girlfriend"

11. Pink Floyd- "Dark Side Of The Moon"

10. Bob Dylan- "Blood On The Tracks"

9. The Flaming Lips- "The Soft Bulletin"

8. John Lennon- "Plastic Ono Band"

7. Public Enemy- "It Takes A Nation Of Millions To Hold Us Back"

6. Rushmore- Original Motion Picture Soundtrack

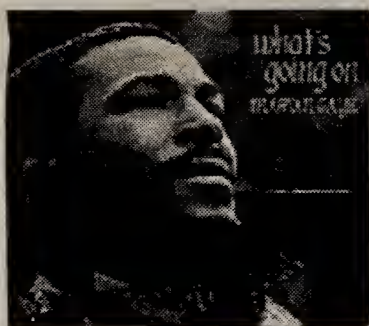
5. Ani DiFranco- "Living in Clip"

4. Peter Gabriel- "Passion: Music From The Last Temptation Of Christ"

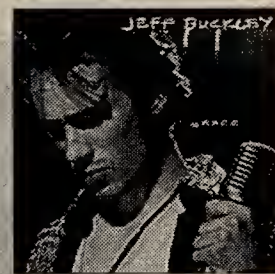
3. Radiohead- "OK Computer"

2. The Beatles- "Revolver"

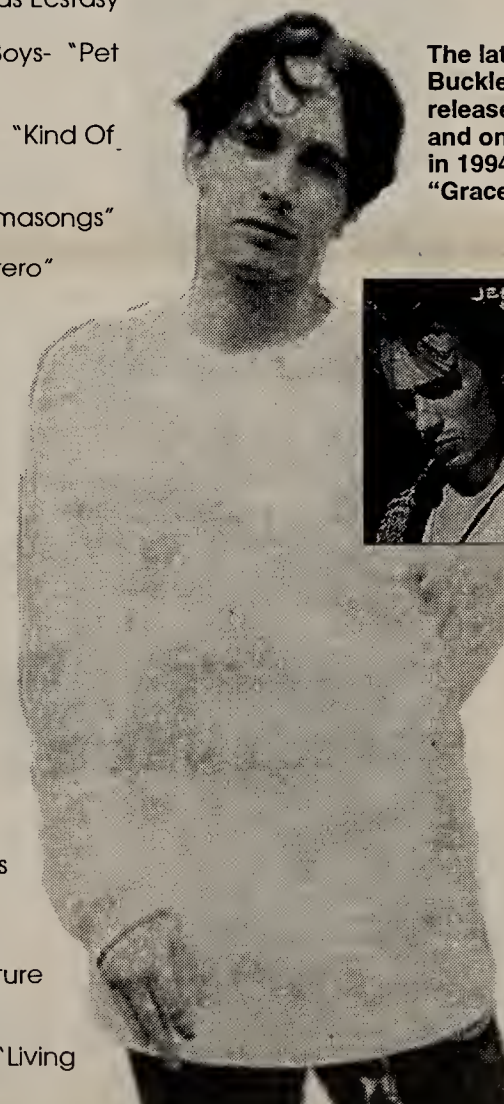
1. Jeff Buckley- "Grace"



Marvin Gaye: "What's Going On"



The late Jeff Buckley, left, released his one and only record in 1994, entitled "Grace."



Try these on for size: five more to groove on... and on... and on



Mogwai- "Come On Die Young"



Fiona Apple- "When The Pawn Hits..."



Madonna- "The Immaculate Collection"



Otis Redding- "The Very Best Of Otis Redding"



Lauryn Hill- "The Miseducation Of Lauryn Hill"

'Valentine' refuses to put out

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The only scary thing about "Valentine" is if anybody was seriously entertained by it. How many times over and over again can we enjoy the obligatory babes in swimsuit shots, accompanied by an overabundance of unsuspenseful attacks? They could have just called this "Scream 4" and been done with it.

This is sadly one of those movies where you walk out and say, "That is 95 minutes of my life that I'll never get back."

Generally, January through March is the time when studios dump their sub-par pieces of garbage on the unsuspecting, in hopes of catching a quick buck.

High art is hard to find around this time, except for the films that are now being released for Oscar consideration, like "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

"Valentine" is about as exciting as a bowel movement, and is as unoriginal as a Foghat cover band. If you want to wallow yourself in another sad attempt to recapture the horror of films like "Friday The 13th" and "Halloween," then get some help. You might be better off with a lobotomy before you pay seven bucks to waste your time.

"Valentine" is hardly an exception and ranks quite high on the crap-o-meter. If you look at the movie listings right now, you are either stuck with "Head Over Heels," or "The Wedding Planner." Choose your poison, folks.

Even those with real short attention spans will be checking their watches, even during the stalking scenes in which hot chicks walk out of showers (or pools) half naked, crying out "Is anyone there?"



Denise Richards plays the ill-fated Paige in another cookie-cutter horror flick "Valentine."

Guess what happens? Yep, she dies. Wow, how exciting.

The studios must really think we are dumb enough to swallow this trite, sorry excuse for a "film." We have seen this kind of movie nine million times before. "Valentine" makes "I Know What You Did Last Summer" look like "Citizen Kane" for God's sake!

How low can the film industry sink? Maybe they actually believe that ALL we want to see is graphic violence, shots of chicks in bras and some "scary" guy in a mask. In "Valentine," it's a cheesy cherub

mask that evokes laughter more than fear.

For those who actually care about the plot (or lack thereof, in my opinion) then feast upon this: We bare witness to a humiliating experience that some geeky junior high kid was subjected to when trying to get someone to dance with at the school Valentine's Day dance. He has punch poured all over him, is stripped to the underwear and is proceeded to be kicked by a mob of boys. Sure, junior high was cruel, but isn't that a tad bit exaggerated?

Cut to 13 years later, what a surprise,

huh? Did anybody involved with this film ever hear of a film called "Halloween" or even "Carrie" for that matter? Then, a young med student (Katherine Heigl) is killed. Gee I wonder who the killer is? Her sudden demise brings together several of her friends since middle school: Kate (Marley Shelton), Paige (Denise Richards), Lily (Jessica Cauffiel) and Dorothy (Jessica Capshaw).

The girls were actually a lot closer than Heigl's character; she was only one to break away from the harmless clique to expand her horizons —professionally. Similarly, the girls begin receiving disturbing "Valentine" cards ("Roses are red, violets are blue, they'll need dental records to identify you") and other "gross" paraphernalia like maggot filled chocolates. Yummy.

Who is entertained by this? In the screening I attended, nobody. People roared at the stupidity of this movie. This is just stupid, sick exploitation horror at its worst, and it is not even worthy of "Mystery Science Theater 3000."

There is nothing remotely scary or interesting about "Valentine." Denise Richards is as about as interesting to look at as a doorknob, with about the same amount of talent as well. "Valentine" serves no purpose other than to suck your wallet dry as the studios rake in the profits and laugh at you behind your back.

If you were smart, you would be better off renting "Prom Night," or doing something worthwhile with your time. Like cutting your toenails. That is a heck of a lot more exciting than watching "Valentine."

Worst Movie Review

'Gangstas' sits on face of film quality

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Entertainment Editor

If ever there was a movie with more potential for a solid social message, tremendous plot capability or exalted star performance, it was this movie. Released in 1996, "Original Gangstas" has to be the most loathsome, deplorable movie I have ever had the displeasure of witnessing. Starring such '70s blaxploitation icons as Pam Grier ("Foxy Brown," "Sheba, Baby"), Fred Williamson ("Three the Hard Way," "Black Cobra"), Jim Brown (football star, civil rights activist), Richard Roundtree ("Shaft," "The Big Score"), and Ron O'Neal ("Superfly," "The Force of One"). Isabel Sanford of "The Jeffersons" and Paul Winfield, of stage, screen and television fame, both made appearances in this horrific travesty of a film.

I never saw this movie in the theatre. A family member of mine knew a couple of people who had "acted" in the movie so we got an advance copy. I was extremely excited about seeing this picture that was shot in Gary and East Chicago, Indiana. Also, I knew many people who had served as extras in the film so I was anxious to see a few of my friends. However, from the opening narrative and scene, my enthusiasm was thwarted. The beginning description of the plot boasted Gary as being the murder capitol of the United

States of America and maybe the world. The visual effects that followed were the most dilapidated and abandoned parts of both Gary and East Chicago. Now I must interrupt myself and say that I hail from East Chicago. In my 24

years of living there I have never seen the derelict communities that are depicted in the movie in the vast number of areas that they are shown in. I have lived in Gary as well, and I can say that while there are various places that are ramshackled and run-down, there are equal if not more prosperous places in the area. Some of the most beautiful homes and neighborhoods in Northwest Indiana can be found in the Gary area. Sadly, none of these areas were shown. Only the hollowed out factories and burned down storefronts were spotlighted.

Now that I am safely off of my soapbox, I will continue with the rave review of this film. In the movie there is a

whole community that is virtually run by three different street gangs, one of which was started in the 70's by the title characters mentioned above. The event that is frame-worked by rest of the film is the murder of Pam Grier's (Lorrie Thompson) teenaged son by the leader of the Rebels. Lorrie's son is killed because he played in a gang sponsored basketball game and hustled a member out of \$300. The

Movie	"Original Gangstas"
Actor	Pam Grier
Rating	-4 out of 10

gang catches up with him and does a drive-by shooting in front of a store owned by the parents of John Bookman (Fred Williamson). Because Bookman's father gives a description of the car the shots were fired from, he is

beaten and shot. This causes Bookman himself to come back to the city he left and Jim Brown (Jake Trevor), father of the murdered teen, returns to bury his son. This initiates the reunion of the founding members of the Rebels. Now, mind you, all of this happens within the first half hour of the movie.

To further demean the city of Gary, or so I thought, the gangs are allowed to continue its reign of terror with the aid of the mayor and a prominent church leader, played by Paul Winfield. Whether life imitates art or vice versa, I am not prepared to go on record as saying. Because of a lack of retribution, the elder Rebels, or original gangsters, seek their own retaliation against the younger gang members.

It is actually quite amusing to see a bevy of virtual senior citizens out smarting and out fighting a bunch of young bucks. I will not tell the ending for those of you who still may want to see this movie, however I can not imagine why.

The reason I disliked this movie is because of the way Blacks and their community is depicted. This depiction would make one believe that the behavior and



Black-exploitation makes a comeback in 1996's "Original Gangstas."

circumstances under which these characters live are true in real life and true for every black person. There is no redemption whatsoever for any of the characters and murder is seen as a justifiable requital. Profanity and massacre is what fuels this piece of waste matter from beginning to end. When I think about how effective this production could have been, it pains me to even think about the final product.



'70s icon Pam Grier stars in "Original Gangstas."

Cougars claw Lady Lakers

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

With times of hardship, the PUC Lady Lakers have put forth a solid effort for most of the season. Still, without a victory in the previous four games, conference opponent St. Xavier Cougars came calling into the PER building on February 3.

Winless since defeating ITT at home on January 16, the Lady Lakers hoped that this Saturday afternoon would have different results. However, success was not granted as St. Xavier departed Hammond with a 73-63 win.

PUC looked on improving their offensive attack for they were only shooting close to 33 percent from field goal range against the opposition before playing the Cougars.

"When we get down the court after one pass, we shoot the ball and our percentage hasn't been

good so we need to slow our offense down, play more like a team, and be smart," freshman guard Thespena Kollintzas said.

Throughout the season, underclassmen have dominated most of the Lady Lakers' roster. With the senior leadership of

plus the court size is different and there is a shot clock where they don't have one in high school. So it helps for senior leadership to lead and push them to go hard because it's a long season," Szany said.

However, St. Xavier had posted little veteran leadership being a first year women's program in the CCAC. Ten of their twelve players were freshman with a couple of junior college transfers. Once they got underway with the Lady Lakers, both teams went head-to-head.

In the first few minutes, PUC had jumped on top early with three-point buckets from Chandler and Sarah Bacan. As the game moved along, the Cougars pulled ahead and carried a seven-point lead at half-time.

Both teams had picked-up 18 rebounds and nine points off turnovers apiece, but the Lady Lakers once again sought trouble from the field. They shot only 35 percent in the twenty-minute frame.

As play resumed, the woes continued for PUC. Their first points did not come until the four minutes in. St. Xavier had brought a defense that consisted of mainly double team traps and slowed

down any pace on the other side of the ball.

By games' end, the Lady Lakers record dropped to 3-22 (1-5 in CCAC play). Despite out rebounding the Cougars 49-40, points off the bench made a difference. St. Xavier had connected for 26 points from the reserves as oppose to PUC's 10.

"In that first half, the defense bothered us and in the second half we got some easy shots that we missed, but still broke their pressure," Head Coach Dennis Smith said following the loss.

"I feel that our biggest problem offensively is we are not getting the ball in the basket. We only shot 35 percent in the first half, so we must work on our shooting and a lot of our inside game, hopefully that will

improve."

The Lady Lakers did get some individual impressions with Bacan's 17 points and three assist, as well as Szany's 10 points and seven rebounds.

However, it was Melissa Austin that hung tough in the losing effort. The sophomore center took part in all forty minutes of the contest without a rest. In the end, she came through with a double-double of 21 points and an impressive 19 rebounds.

Austin admits, despite of the difficulty, some things have come together.

"I think we have improved a lot since the beginning of the season, we are finally coming together, but we have to work on the little things," Austin said.

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Melissa Austin
Lady Lakers' center

Christina Chandler and Dawn Szany, the young and upcoming players have seen guidance during most of the struggles.

"Alot of the new people that we got are not use to the long season,

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TFC trains students for Spring Fling 5K

RACHEL RIECKEN
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday John Bobalik, from the Total Fitness Center, gave a presentation on their upcoming Spring Fling 5K Run/Walk. It will take place on April 21, 2001, but now is the time to start the 11-week training program.

First of all you need some essentials, like good, shock absorbent shoes. Otherwise your ankles, knees or back will end up absorbing the shock from running or walking, which can cause orthopedic problems. You also need proper outdoor gear if you will exercise outside and a stretching program to improve flexibility. Be ready to train at least three days a week. Bobalik said that one 90 minute workout a week cannot replace three 30 minute workouts a week. Be willing to adapt your training program as needed and follow a training plan.

Now it's time to start the actual training. Bobalik provided four training programs to choose from, depending on your current level of fitness. All are 11-week programs designed to prepare the trainee for the 5K, or 3.1 mile, Spring Fling.

The first program is for beginning walkers. It involves walking three days a week and has small time increases.

"It's a program designed not to get you hurt," Bobalik said.

The next program is for beginning runners. This begins with walking in

order to condition muscles. It is not really concerned with speed. In the third week the trainee begins running.

The intermediate runners program is the first that has criteria you need to meet in order to participate. Participants should already be running 5 to 15 miles per week and consistently have been running a minimum of three days per week for the last six months. This program focuses on strength training. It also includes two "recovery weeks" which provide a cushion for your muscles.

Lastly there is an experienced runners program, which is practically a full time exercise program. It includes easy to hard running, tempo running, speed,

cross training, strength training and more. Since it is more advanced, the risk of getting hurt is higher.

Bobalik stressed the importance of a "taper week" the week just before the 5K walk/run. During this week

you cut back on your workout. Then you have more energy on the day of the Spring Fling. It takes 7 to 10 days to get any benefit from strenuous exercise.

"There isn't anything physiological you can do at the last minute, you will only wear yourself out," Bobalik said.

If you are up to the Spring Fling challenge then give the Total Fitness Center a call at 989-2175 right away to register. You can also call the TFC to register for their next free seminar at 7 p.m. on February 21 called Better Your Balance. The speaker is Tina Schmidt and it will be held at The Center in room 125.

Call the TFC at
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